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The U. S. Fish Commission has begun the distribution of five thousand young German carp at Fulton Market, New York. Twenty fish are given free to each applicant who desires them to stock ponds.

While the West and Northwest have suffered excessively from drought the past year, along the Atlantic border farmers have complained of too much rain. The meteorologists say their time will come this winter.

There are 58,100 Jersey cattle registered in the United States—41,000 females and 17,100 bulls. This embraces all the Jersey cattle imported from the island or bred in this country during the last forty years.

The artificial hatching of eggs appears to be no new thing. In his late report Mr. Cardwell, American Consul-General in Egypt, says that it is one of the oldest of the industries of that old land, and is engaged in principally by Copts. There are 500 hatching establishments in Egypt, and they turn out from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 chicks every year.

The rabbit pest in New Zealand has become so widespread, and is causing such injury, that owners of land are talking of starting actual ruin in the face if something is not done soon. One farmer has just sent an order to London to have ferrets, snares and weasels sent by him the hundreds, and at any necessary expense. A shipment of 120 ferrets were recently sent him and 2,000 snares are to follow.

A physician tells why people suffer rheumatic twinges in damp or rainy weather. The dampness makes the air lighter, affecting its pressure on the body and producing temporary disturbances of the system. "Any disturbance of the system," explains the medicina, "affects the most sensitive part of a man. If he has rheumatism it brings on sharp pains. If he has cramps or a bunion, those give him trouble, and if a nerve is exposed in one of his teeth he is at once informed of that fact."

A Mexican Judge has just given a decision in one of those cases where a railroad train killed or injured a Mexican and which formerly always led to the arrest and lengthy imprisonment of the whole train force. The Judge dismissed the complaint against the Mexican Central Road, and said to the prose uting Mexicans: "Those ties over there were intended to have rails on, and the rails were intended to carry trains. If you will agree to keep away from the track I will see to it that the train doesn't chase you about the fields."

A Norwich (Conn.) man, who had stocked his pond with a rare and handsome breed of ducks, found that they were slowly disappearing, but where they went he could not determine. One day a visitor, sitting on the plaza, said: "You've got queer ducks. I've seen two of them die, but they haven't come up yet." This was a suggestion to be acted upon. The owner drew off the water from the pond, and found 17 snapping turtles. He killed them, and now the ducks do not disappear, or at least when they dive they come up again.

Professor Newberry, of Columbia College, at a recent meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences, gave an enthusiastic description of some exceedingly rich coal fields in Western Colorado. He exhibited specimens of coal that he had taken from various veins there but a few weeks ago, equal to any mined anywhere in the world, some of it showing only three per cent. of ash and one-half of one per cent. of sulphur.

The coals were anathema to others bituminous, with an abundance of excellent coking coals, portions of same veins just as found comparing favorably with the best Connellsville coke. One of the veins he described as eighteen feet thick of solid coal, with numerous other veins of fourteen, ten, eight and six feet thickness. Three railroads are now approaching this wonderfully rich coal field, and notwithstanding the great difficulties attending freight transportation in so mountainous a region, its almost exhaustless stores of the best of fuel will soon be furnished in abundance for that large section of almost twelve country just east of the foothill of the Rocky Mountains, from Dakota to Texas.

G. W. Drum, of San Francisco, who is 74 years old, and white-haired and white bearded, has just returned from New Mexico and Western Texas where he spent some months collecting insects. He collected 3,000 and will sell them to collectors, colleges and schools. He has been hunting bugs since 1874, and has had some queer adventures. He thus describes a couple: "Twice I escaped from the Apaches miraculously. I was catching insects one day in a little brush patch in the Raton Mountains. I had just risen up when I saw a big Indian looking down into my net. He strode away. That night four woodchoppers half a mile away from me were killed. I was left unharmed. One day I went up on top of a high knoll in the Whetstone Mountains, where there was a spring, to get a drink. Brush surrounded it, and when I stepped to the edge of the spring I saw five Indians sitting there. I couldn't back out, so I asked for their tin cup, drank, and came away. They killed four or five whites near at hand, but didn't bother me. They took me for some sort of a medicine man, with my nets for insect catching, and on account of my white hair and beard, and that's why I escaped."

A BALLAD FOR CHRISTMAS TIME.

The bells are loud, the bells are sweet along the winter land;
The stars are bright with frosty sleet, and like the winter berries stand;

And the wind sings down the southern slope of valleys lying wide,
Where like a line of silver scope, the narrow rivers glide.

The sea-birds cry with boding call across the shining sand;

And the stars above the lighthouse tall a sentinel stood;

And fierce and high the north wind roars, the tempests roar;

And bears far on to distant shores the leaves made brown and sear;

Far out it meets a ship that sails from distant tropic seas;

Her mast have braved the stormy gales, and wood the west breeze;

Around the bows the Cape Horn her outward way she bore;

And met the radiant light of morn on California's shore.

Across the wide Pacific's waves she sailed to far Cathay;

The sun and stars the coral waves stretched for long leagues away;

She heard the tiger growl his love on distant shores;

And drifts before the tempests drove, where swirled Antarctic snow.

Now with her weather-braces taut and royally sunburned,

She comes with orient fragrance fraught up from the under-world;

The sun and stars the canary gleam before her part;

She sees the light of welcome stream from out her waiting mart.

"Quite correct, my love."

"But the nose, auntie, the nose; that troubles me; it is the one unruly member; it will turn up. I've had a mind to try Amy's plan and put a clothespin on it."

"Amy's nose is very pretty," said Margaret.

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Better times are predicted for 1888.

Gov. Bidwell, of Maine, died at Hallowell, Maine, on the 15th inst. of congestion of the lungs.

The Republican Legislative caucus of Virginia, nominated Maguire to succeed Riddleberger.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Right Rev. James Jos. Carberry, Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, Ont., is dead.

There have been deep snows in the North and West, during the past week. Here it has been raining about every other day.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—Samuel Dieckie, chairman of the National Committee, to-day issued a call for a National Convention to be held at Indianapolis, Wednesday, June 6th, 1888.

A faith-worker in Selma, Ala., killed a negro woman on Sunday, who had offered herself as a sacrifice at what was called a Passover feast, a strong guard has been placed over him to prevent mob violence.

All but \$3,000 of the \$25,000 required for the Hendricks monument at Indianapolis, Ind., has been raised. The largest sum contributed was \$5,000 from W. W. Corcoran. Potter Palmer gave \$200, and several Republican Senators gave each \$100.

A Louisville, Ky., dispatch says: Rev. Dr. Basil Matly, professor in the Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, and one of the most prominent Baptist divines in the South, was assaulted by two masked men in the suburbs at dusk Friday, and probably fatally injured. The purpose of the men was probably robbery.

John O. Snyder, better known as the "walking wonder," died at his home, at Mill Grove, Blackford county, Ind. For nearly three years previous to his death Snyder was impelled, as he said, by some mysterious force to walk constantly, and he took his meals while continuing his ceaseless tramp. He slept but little, generally in a chair, but the minute he woke he started to walking.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Bills were introduced in the Senate to-day by Mr. Ransom providing for a public building at Asheville, N. C., to cost \$150,000, and by Mr. Vance for a building at Charlotte to cost \$200,000.

Congress will take its usual two weeks holiday on the 22nd. It will re-assemble on the 5th of January.

The Senate committee on education unanimously ordered a favorable report on the Blair educational bill.

The Kilrain-Smith Fight a Draw.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The following cablegram was received at the office of the *Police Gazette* this afternoon, dated Vernon, France:

"One hundred and six rounds. Time: Two hours and thirty minutes. Resulted in a draw." This refers to the Kilrain-Smith fight, which was fixed to take place at 1 o'clock this afternoon on an island in the river Seine, twenty miles from Rouen, France.

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STATE NEWS.

The mountains lying westward were covered with snow last week, and, at sunrise, presented a spectacle of rare and wondrous beauty.

Oscar T. Straus, of New York, to Turkey.

Alex. R. Lawton, of Georgia, to Austria Hungary.

Baptist W. Hanna, of Indiana, to the Argentine Republic.

S. S. Carlisle, of Louisiana, to Bolivia.

Consul General—J. L. Rathbone, of California, at Paris.

D. L. Pringle, of South Carolina, at Constantinople.

M. Constantine, of Maine, at Apia.

Several Secretaries of Legation, a large number of Consuls.

G. Brown Goode, to be Fish Commissioner.

Gehg W. Reed, of Virginia, to be assistant register of the treasury.

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Clark vs Hay; from Forsyth. Error.

Venable vs Smith; from Forsyth. No error.

Lawson vs Bringles; from Stokes. Error.

The Morristown, (Tenn.) Gazette says that North Carolina wagons, who arrived in Knoxville last week from Swain county, report a big depression in the Smoky Mountains on the State line near where the Little Tennessee river passes through. About ten acres of the mountain have caved in, taking trees and everything to the depth of 100 feet. The place is several miles from any house and is on one of the highest points of the mountain.

The Greensboro Workman: We had a call this morning from Capt. Robert W. Andrews, of South Carolina, the noted pedestrian, who claims to be 97 years of age, and has the reputation at home of being a truthful man. He hails from Summerville, S. C., and is passing back to his home from a walking tour to the North. He was here last year, and since then has walked to Boston and back. Capt. Andrews is accompanied by a little dog, who seems to be fond of seeing the country and attending his acquaintance. We have never seen a person so well preserved as Capt. Andrews at the age of 97, and this makes us think that walking is a wholesome exercise. The Captain is hurrying home for Christmas.

The object and purpose of the Association is to take such action as may best improve and promote the agricultural interests of our people. This is the broad basis upon which it is founded and it hopes to have the hearty approval and co-operation of every farmer in our State.

Although called without organized effort or formulated plan, the convention of last January was composed of nearly 400 farmers, representing 43 counties. We earnestly hope that every county in the State will be represented in our meeting in Greenboro.

Let the farmers in each county in the State call meetings at once and elect delegates (as many as will come) and give them certificates, to the end that all sections and the interests of all may be represented.

Reduced rates on all railroads have also been secured at the hotels and boarding houses in Greenboro.

A Farmer's Institution will be held during the session. Able and distinguished agriculturists will be present to address the body on important topics connected with agriculture. Every effort will be made to render the occasion interesting and profitable.

ELIAS CARR, President.

Appointments of the M. E. Church.

We have only room for a few districts as follows:

GREENSBORO DISTRICT.

J. A. Cunningham, P. E.

Greensboro—West Market Street,

J. E. Mann. Centenary, G. F. Smith.

Gulford circuit—J. B. Carpenter.

Pleasant Garden circuit—M. C. Fields.

Kernersville circuit—T. H. Pegram.

Winston station—W. C. Norman.

Winston mission—C. W. Robinson.

Forsyth circuit—M. J. Hunt.

Summerville circuit—J. A. Bowles.

Madison circuit—J. W. Jones.

Ruffin circuit—R. P. Troy.

Yanceyville circuit—L. E. Thompson.

Reidsville station—P. F. W. Stamey.

MOUNT AIRY DISTRICT.

B. R. Hall, P. E.

Mount Airy station—J. B. Hurley.

Mount Airy circuit—S. P. Douglass.

Stokes circuit—J. W. Blosser.

Danbury mission—N. R. Richardson.

Yadkinville circuit—T. J. Croon.

Elkin and Jonesville—E. L. Pell.

Wilkes circuit—C. W. Goodwin.

Ruddies river mission—T. W. S. Parker.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT.

R. A. Willis, P. E.

Statesville station—W. S. Roane.

Statesville circuit—G. W. Ivey.

Mooreville circuit—W. M. Bagby.

Iredell circuit—R. G. Barnett.

Newton circuit—M. T. Taylor.

Catawba circuit—C. M. Gentry.

Alexander circuit—T. J. Daley.

Caldwell circuit—J. F. England.

Lenoir circuit—T. N. Ivey.

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Hickory station—J. E. Bristow.

Connelly's Springs—W. F. Coffin.

Morgan and Marion stations—H. T. Hudson.

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